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HALICZ CAPTURED BY THE RUSSIANS

Succeeded in Breaking One of the Most Important Lines on the Eastern Front

GERMANS ABANDONED THEIR MILITARY STORES

On the Western Front Along the Chemin des Dames the French Have Repulsed More Attacks by the Troops of the German Crown Prince—A Vigorous Artillery Duel is in Progress Between the British and Germans in Flanders.

London, July 11.—Halicz, the strategic key to Lemberg, the capital of Galicia, has been captured by the Russians, says a despatch from Reuters' Petrograd correspondent.

Russian armies have broken the Austro-German line in the Halicz-Stanislaw sector, one of the most important on the eastern front, and the Russian advance continues.

The Austro-German forces already have withdrawn beyond the Lomnica river about ten miles west of Jezupol, which was occupied Sunday by the Russians under General Korniloff. The Russians have taken four more villages and increased their captures of prisoners more than 1,000. Seven more field guns and other war material fell into Russian hands.

West of Stanislaw towards Kalusz and Dolina the Russians have penetrated the Austro-German lines to a depth of nearly seven miles and between Stanislaw and Halicz they have widened their wedge. In their retreat, apparently made hastily, the Austro-Germans left behind them the large amount of arms and military stores captured by the Russians, the Austro-Germans failed to make a stand at two rivers, the Lomnica and the Luvka. It is probable they may withdraw on the west bank of the Lomnica.

A stand west of the Lomnica, however, hardly will prevent the forced evacuation of Lemberg, the strategic key to Lemberg, as the Russians are within less than ten miles of Halicz on three sides and only one avenue of retreat toward Lemberg is left open, that between the Dniester and the Lomnica rivers.

The evacuation of Halicz would make a retreat from the Russians, Zischoff-Brody line by the Austro-Germans almost a necessity.

Meanwhile, the Russian artillery is hammering the enemy lines south of Berezany and north of the Prinet marshes, near the Lomnica. The fighting activity has increased.

On the western front along the Chemin des Dames the French have repulsed more attacks by the troops of the German crown prince.

REPRESENTATIVE WALSH ATTACKED NEWS CENSORSHIP

Concerning Voyage of American Troops to France.

Washington, July 10.—During debate in the trading with the enemy bill today, Representative Walsh of Massachusetts criticized the public information committee's account of the submarine attack on the American expedition and attacked the war department for diverting and delaying delivery of cargoes to the expedition troops, addressed to The Associated Press.

Mr. Walsh's remarks as revised for the congressional record, read in part: "As a matter of fact, as I understand it, The Associated Press, that great news-gathering agency of our country, a body of publishers, loyal to every one, had a representative aboard one of the ships and he sent a despatch announcing a safe and uneventful voyage. He at least apparently was not awakened by the heavy gun fire and roar and din of battle."

"Later, on July 7, he sent a second despatch again stating there had been no such attack as had been so gloriously depicted through the information bureau. And later on when dispatches which had passed our censor with General Pershing's forces in France reached this side by cable, they were diverted to one of the executive departments, inspected and possibly censored—I do not know—and after several hours delay were permitted to reach their destination."

"These despatches were coming here from France, they had been passed upon, as I am informed, by our officials abroad and yet they were diverted and delayed and only permitted to reach their destination after inspection by some official in Washington. I doubt the authority for such a proceeding but assuming it to be based on proper authority what purpose was served by this programme? Surely they would not control information useful to the enemy and if they only contained an account of the supposed, or real attack on our ships, could not our officers in France be depended on to take proper safeguards?"

MISS ETTA HICKS AFRAID OF MRS. ALVIN KENNISTON.

Placed in a Separate Cell Upon Her Own Request.

St. Johnsbury, Vt., July 10.—Miss Etta Hicks and Mrs. Alvin Kenniston, who have been locked up in the same cell in the county jail since they made their alleged confession last Friday that they had killed little Alice Bradshaw, were placed in separate cells tonight. This step was taken at the request of Miss Hicks, who told Sheriff W. H. Worthen that she was afraid of her companion.

Another search made today in the vicinity of the Bradshaw farm for the child was without result.

Cabled Paragraphs

EXCURSION STEAMER SUNK DURING A HEAVY STORM.

Seven Lives Lost in Big Stone Lake, Minnesota.

Ortonville, Minn., July 10.—Seven persons lost their lives when the excursion steamer Muskegon went down in Big Stone lake near here tonight during a heavy storm.

ELIHU ROOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT RUSSIA'S FUTURE

Greatest Need is Money and Adequate Transportation Facilities.

Petrograd, July 10.—The American commission headed by Elihu Root has completed a month's survey of all the phases of the Russian situation and is confident in the belief that the nation will successfully emerge from its energetic pursuit of the war.

The optimistic conclusions of the commission are not derived alone from consultations with the government, but are based more largely upon the spirit and determination of the people which has been evidenced in public organizations, political and industrial councils and in all the delegations properly representing the temper of the nation as a whole.

There is, however, no disposition on the part of the commission to minimize either the dangers threatened by the widespread German propaganda and pacifist agitation or the practical difficulties in the way of transportation and the reorganization of Russia's economic life. The question of the food supply is, in the opinion of the commission, the most important problem confronting the country.

Mr. Root has made the following statement to The Associated Press: "The mission has accomplished what it came here to do. We are greatly encouraged. We found no organic or incurable malady in the Russian democracy. Democracies are always in trouble and we have seen days just as dark in the progress of our own."

"We must remember that a people in whom all constructive effort has been hampered are greatly encouraged to develop a genius for quick action. The first stage is necessarily one of debate. The solid, admirable traits in the Russian character will pull the nation through the present crisis. Natural love of law and order and capacity for local self-government are qualities which are needed every day since the revolution."

"The country's most serious lack is money and adequate transportation. So long as we can help Russia out of both."

TO CURB CONTAGIOUS DISEASES IN STATE CAMPS.

There Have Been Two Deaths Among Troopers from Spinal Meningitis.

Hartford, Conn., July 10.—Steps were taken today to state military and health authorities to curb the outbreak of contagious diseases among soldiers at various camps in the state. Dr. George W. McCoy, director of the hygiene labor at Washington and a member of the United States public health service, conferred with Dr. John T. Black in an effort to map out a plan of campaign for checking epidemics.

As growing serious, especially at Bridgeport, where he said hospital facilities were being hurriedly organized at present to care for soldiers had civilian cases. A ready there had been two deaths among troopers from spinal meningitis, and at Bridgeport, the other at Bridgeport. In all five different contagious diseases have been discovered among the men. The cases were found among infantry, cavalry, artillery, naval militia and members of the coast patrol.

At New London, according to Dr. McCoy, hospital facilities are inadequate to meet the situation, and measures will be taken to remedy this condition. Dr. McCoy has visited camps in New London and Bridgeport within the past two days and reports that city hospitals in both places are filled to capacity.

HOMELESS CHILDREN IN STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Appeal Made For \$10,000 For Care of Orphans.

Hartford, July 10.—Five hundred orphaned, crippled and homeless children in Belgium, France, and right here in our own state—need immediate help. Connecticut's response to the Red Cross, the Liberty Loan and other appeals today by our work is largely dependent upon private donations. \$10,000 is the amount that is immediately required for urgent needs.

GOVERNMENT WAR NEEDS IN IRON AND STEEL

Subject of Conference Held in Washington Yesterday.

New York, July 10.—To discuss government war needs in iron and steel and prices of such supplies, the iron and steel committee of the American Iron and Steel Institute left today for conferences with Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of the Navy Daniels in Washington.

The committee headed by Elbert H. Gary, is composed of executives of the principal steel companies. The settlement of an announcement of the committee's departure said the secretary of war had requested the conferences.

HEARINGS ON AVIATION BILL CONCLUDED.

Washington, July 10.—Hearings on the administration's \$53,000,000 aviation bill were concluded today by the house military committee and the measure probably will be reported before the end of the week. Secretary Baker did not appear before the committee.

King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, accompanied by the Crown Prince Boris, Prince Cyril, and the Prime Minister, M. Radoslavoff, arrived on Monday at German Main Headquarters. They left in the evening for Munich.

Tension Growing in Germany B. Saturday, July 21

THERE IS TO BE A CHANGE IN THE CABINET

CHANCELLOR TO REMAIN

Hollweg Opposes Peace Without Indemnities or Annexations—Declares the War Must be Continued.

Berlin, Monday, July 9, via London, July 10.—The situation is unchanged. Tension, if anything, is more intense. The session of the reichstag was rather a perfunctory affair. Chief interest centered about an animated meeting of the main committee, during which Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg took the floor twice.

While the discussions were of a confidential nature, it is generally believed that the four party coalition has not yet decided on the final draft of the resolution covering war aims and electoral reforms.

No session of the reichstag will be held on Tuesday, as that day is to be devoted to a further significant session of the main committee and meetings of the various party factions.

Attacked Leader of Catholic Center. The chancellor made a strong attack on Matthias Erzberger, leader of the Catholic center, who assailed the Pan-Germans in his address before the main committee last week and advocated peace without annexations or indemnities. Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg said Herr Erzberger's attitude was unpatriotic.

According to the summary of the chancellor's speech before the main committee published in the Lokal Anzeiger, the chancellor said: "We must continue the war with our whole energies. I do not deny that we have great difficulties to overcome, but so have our enemies. We shall see whether their difficulties or ours are greater."

"I am sure we can win if we hold out."

TO RETAIN HIS POST.

"Nothing was further from my intention than to cling to my post, but now it is a question of protecting the Reichstag and the nation and for this reason I consider it necessary to retain my post."

A CROWN COUNCIL WAS HELD IN BERLIN MONDAY

Only in Times of Greatest Stress Are Such Meetings Called.

London, July 10.—The crown council called by Emperor William was held in Berlin yesterday, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Amsterdam today, but no announcement was made as to what took place at the gathering has been made.

"The German public is very uneasy regarding the absence of news as to the decisions of the crown council, which the emperor held yesterday," says the despatch. "Only in times of greatest stress are such meetings held."

Other advice from the same source says that the meeting of the crown council was held in the morning, and that the longest on record since July 1914, when Emperor William signed the mobilization order that preceded the outbreak of the war.

The ministers of both the empire and the kingdom were in attendance, together with the members of the emperor's military and naval cabinet.

It is believed, says the despatch, that one of the results of the council will be the introduction of a franchise bill for Prussia and the secret ballot.

A BREAK COMING IN THE GERMAN CABINET

Imperial Chancellor Has Promised Reichstag That He Will Consent.

Amsterdam, July 10.—German Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, promised the reichstag that he would consent to the resignation from the cabinet of Foreign Minister Zimmermann and Dr. Kar. Hoffmeyer, secretary of the interior and vice chancellor. In addition, five members of the Prussian cabinet will be asked to resign.

HARPER ELECTED GRAND EXALTED RULER OF ELKS

Tom Reilly of Meriden Grand Exalted Leading Knight.

Boston, July 10.—The election of Fred C. Harper of Lynchburg, Va., as grand exalted ruler, the choice of Atlantic City, N. J., as the 1918 convention city and the adoption of a resolution pledging the support of the 44,000 members of the order, President Wilson in this time of trouble, were the chief matters disposed of at today's sessions of the grand lodge at an annual convention of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Former Representative Thomas L. Reilly of Meriden, Conn., was elected grand exalted ruler, over Henry J. Jennings of Bridgeport, Conn. The third contest—that for the office of grand trustee—was settled before the polling began by withdrawal. Patrick Powers, former president of the Eastern Baseball League, was elected grand trustee.

Other officers chosen were: Frank J. Spriggs of St. Paul, grand esteemed lecturer; Edward L. Reilly of Meriden, grand secretary; Judge James M. Shanley, Oakland, Calif., grand esteemed loyal knight; Charles A. White, of Chicago, grand treasurer; and Fred Robinson, of Dubuque, Iowa, grand secretary.

ENLISTMENTS FOR REGULAR ARMY.

Washington, July 10.—With 1,296 war volunteers accepted yesterday, enlistments for the regular army since April 1, reached 141,894, leaving a little more than 40,000 men still to be found.

FLAGWOMEN AT GRADE CROSSINGS.

Mansfield, Mass., July 10.—The employment of women to take the place of men as guards at the crossing of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad here was announced today. The flagwomen are stationed at

Condensed Telegrams

Six persons were killed and 21 injured at Mare Island Navy Yard, Cal., when the black powder house exploded.

Conrad Littan who shouted "three cheers for Kaiser Wilhelm" in Honolulu was fined \$5 for disorderly conduct.

The Havre Cotton Exchange was reopened. Dealing are restricted under a decree from the Minister of Commerce.

Secretary Daniels made recommendation to Congress for the appropriation of \$45,000,000, to be used for naval aeronautics.

Gage Miller, a truckman, was shot by a corporal of the 7th regiment at the entrance of the Curtiss aeroplane plant at Buffalo.

Minister of Finance Thierry of France forbade importation of merchandise not permitted by the decree of March 22.

The state comptroller has received a claim from the city of New Haven for assistance for soldiers' dependents during the last year \$2,561.34.

All miners in the southern Saskatchewan coal mine have gone on a strike for a 20 per cent. increase in their wages. A thousand miners are out.

The 12 German steamers seized in British Indian ports at the beginning of the war have earned \$801,635 under the management of the Indian office.

The strike at the plant of the International Nickel Co. at Bayonne practically came to an end when more than 1,500 employees voluntarily returned to work.

Chevalier van Rappard, the Dutch Minister at Washington, said that Holland is starving and that other neutrals will suffer because of America's embargo.

Advancing to 78 3-4 cents, silver from the city of New Haven for the year at that price standing at the highest level reached in the market since 1892.

Redrafting of the rules governing cotton futures transactions to eliminate undue fluctuations is being discussed by an officers of the New York Cotton Exchange.

Secretary McAdoo set at rest reports that the government was about to retire some of the recent Liberty Loan bond issue by substituting Panama Canal bonds.

Stockholm has a coffee famine. Wholesalers are completely exhausted. Future Sweden will be dependent for coffee on what the Allies may allow to go forward.

Harvard's endowment fund has grown to \$1,187,169. Thomas W. Lamont, chairman of the committee collecting it, believes the desired \$10,000,000 will be obtained.

Reports that Major-General Goethals had served notice on President Wilson that unless he was upheld in the shipbuilding programme he would resign met with emphatic denial.

Net profits of the United Fruit Co. in June exceeded any former month. The balance of profits accumulated last month exceeded \$2,000,000. May was also a \$2,000,000 net month.

The Finance Minister of France has appointed a committee to study the possibility of remedying the foreign trade deficit and keeping up the value of French money on the exchange market.

Representative Dyer introduced a bill in the House to investigate the race riots at East St. Louis. He wants an investigation committee of five senators and five representatives.

Colonel Hjalmar Smith, a member of the Swedish general staff, was found murdered in his home. The circumstances suggest an attempt by the murderer to get important military plans.

The M. A. Hanna Co. of Cleveland has leased all the remaining Hocking Great Northern ore properties and is now operating them. The lease involves equipment and about 25,000,000 tons of ore.

The Mead-Morrison Co. of Boston has taken an important order for gun barrels and gun carriages. The order involves a total of six million dollars and will require two years for its completion.

C. H. Bentley, vice president of the California Fruit Canners' Association, which gives employment to upwards of 20,000 people, urges an embargo on exports of tin and tin cans during the war.

Miss Margaret B. Blair, one of the prettiest girls in Chicago, will be the "first lady of Ohio." She is engaged to Governor James M. Cox of that State. The wedding will take place in September.

Drinking tea without sugar and milk is favored in Britain. In 1915, 317,000,000 pounds of tea were consumed, requiring 480,000 tons of sugar and 541,000,000 gallons of milk, costing at retail about \$62,000,000.

Governor Holcomb has appointed Leland James Edlin, assistant clerk of the superior court at Middletown since 1905, to succeed the late Judge Wesley U. Pearne, who died last week, as judge of the city court.

Lieut. Ralph Burroughs of the Seventh regiment, New York National guard, is in the Watertown hospital, recovering from an attack of appendicitis for which he was operated on a week ago Monday by Dr. Walter L. Barker, Jr.

Alfred S. Kedzie, of West Haven, chief clerk of the Federal Prison at Stamford hospital unaware of the death of his wife, which occurred yesterday morning. Mr. Kedzie is suffering from a nervous disorder.

Warnings to enemy aliens that they will be arrested if found on any dock, wharf or pier on the water front of New York will be posted today. They also will be informed that they must not engage in maritime occupations.

Norman Beckley, selectman of the town of Berlin, died in the Stamford hospital unaware of the death of his wife, which occurred yesterday morning. Mr. Beckley is suffering from a nervous disorder.

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Food Speculators Control Prices

BOTH THE FARMER AND CONSUMER ARE VICTIMS

STATEMENT BY HOOVER

Helpless to Safeguard Farmer or Consumer Until Pending Food Legislation is Passed.

Washington, July 10.—A report on the food situation prepared for President Wilson by Herbert C. Hoover, holding that both the farmer and the food speculator are suffering while the government makes no move to control the delay in enactment of food control legislation, was given out tonight at the White House.

Immediate Action Necessary. Unless strong and efficient government action is immediately taken, the food administrator reported, the farmer will face a slump in wheat prices and consumers will be paying in a nation even more serious than that which already is resulting in "actual undernourishment" in the great war undernourishment.

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POLICE MADE ONLY A PERFUNCTORY SEARCH

Murderer of Ruth Cruger So Informs Italian Authorities.

New York, July 10.—Alfredo Cocchi confessed murderer of Ruth Cruger, high school student, declared in a confession to the Italian authorities that the police made only a perfunctory search of his shop, where the body was found, according to a cable message received today by District Attorney Swann from Joseph W. Gregg, his representative in Bologna, Italy, where Cocchi is in custody.

After giving details of the murder, which already have been disclosed, Cocchi is quoted as having declared that when he placed the girl's body in the excavation in the cellar he did not cover it with earth but with a large box.

"Afterwards the police came and went into the cellar but did not move anything," Cocchi said, according to the message. "One officer said my reputation in the neighborhood was so good that the detectives were making a perfunctory search so they could report they had examined my premises and found nothing."

"After the police left I became frightened and went from shipping office to shipping office, trying to get passage to Italy. I used a fictitious name because I feared if I gave my right name I should have to remain in the United States and go to the electric chair."

District Attorney Swann said he had been informed on the night of Feb. 15, when the fourth branch detective bureau was called by telephone in connection with the Cruger case, although no detectives were assigned to the bureau, only five were supposed to be on duty, and that only two actually were there.

DETAILS OF FEDERAL CONTROL OF EXPORTS

Discussed By President Wilson and Secretary Redfield.

Washington, July 10.—Details of the federal control of exports operative July 15, were discussed at a conference today between President Wilson and Secretary Redfield. The department of commerce is completing organization of the department's bureau of export licenses, is at present today with the creation of a division of war trade intelligence with Robert Fuller, Jr., as its head. Mr. Fuller is widely known as an international lawyer and has served as a special agent abroad for President Wilson.

President Wilson will issue soon a proclamation putting many other commodities under control. This will include foodstuffs, fuels and steel and iron products.

GERMAN INTRIGUE AT WORK IN CHINA

North China Daily News Says General Chang Huan is in German Pay.

London, July 10.—The North China Daily News declares it is established virtually that the German agent, Hans von Seeckt, the Imperial German general, is in German pay, says a Reuters despatch from Shanghai. If the monstrous movement had been successful, the paper continues, the rupture of relations between China and Germany would have been cancelled.

TO PROVIDE FOR DEPENDENT WIVES OF SOLDIERS

Bill Introduced in House by Congressman Rankin.

Washington, July 10.—Independent wives and children of all soldiers would be granted federal allowances during the war by a bill introduced today by Representative Rankin of Tennessee. Wives with no children would receive \$30 a month, those with one child \$40, those with two children \$50, and those with more than two, \$75.

THE ITALIAN MISSION HAS ARRIVED IN FRANCE.

On Way Back to Italy After Visit to the United States.

Washington, July 10.—The Italian mission has arrived safely in France on its way back to Italy after a visit to the United States, according to a message received here tonight from the Prince of Udine, head of the mission.

Indicted for First Degree Murder.

Pittsfield, Mass., July 10.—Joseph McKimley Grant, a young farm hand, was indicted today on a charge of first degree murder in connection with the death of Miles Henry Hewitt, whose body was discovered buried in the basement of his barn near here last March. Hewitt's wife was indicted on a charge of being an accessory before the fact.